National Highways in Uttar Pradesh

†3150. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of National Highways in the country;

(b) whether Government are aware of the percentage of the total National Highways which exists in the State of Uttar Pradesh alone; and

(c) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) At present there are 176 National Highways and one National Expressway in the country.

(b) and (c) There are in all 30 National Highways passing through or within the State of Uttar Pradesh.The number of these National Highways are 2, 2A, 3, 7, 11,19, 24, 24A, 25, 25A, 26, 27, 28, 29, 56, 56A, 56B, 58, 72A, 73,74,75,76, 86,87,91,92, 93, 96 and 97. The total length of National Highways in Uttar Pradesh is 4942 Kms. which is 8.5% of the the total length of National Highways in the country.

Opposition of NGOs regarding road projects

3151. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the East-West corridor in the Golden Quadrilateral is being opposed by several Non-Governmental Organisations in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps proposed to meet the objections raised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) Yes, Sir, few references have been received from NGOs regarding the portion of East-West corridor passing through Jalpaiguri district of West Bengal.

(b) Some NGOs have requested to change the alignment of the portion of East-West Corridor passing through Jalpaiguri district of West Bengal

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on grounds of destruction of forests and adverse effect on bio-diversity and suggested an alternative alignment.

(c) The alternative alignment suggested by NGOs can not be considered because it involves State Highways and other district roads whereas NHDP envisages widening of existing National Highways only.

Damage of NH-31 and NH-52 by recent flood

3152. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether several portions of the NH-31 and NH-52 have been badly damaged by recent flood in Assam;

(b) if so, whether the damage is likely to be assessed; and

(c) what measures would be taken to rebuild these highways after proper assessment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) Certain damages have occurred on some of the stretches on NH-31 and 52 due to recent rains/floods in Assam.

(b) and (c) Restoration of flood damages on National Highways is carried out based on the assessment of damages as per ground condition and overall availability of funds. However, for taking up immediate restoration measures, an amount of Rs. 100 lakhs has already been released to the Government of Assam.

Conversion of petrol cars to CNG ones

3153. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have imposed any ban on the conversion of private old car driven on petrol to C.N.G.;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to revoke the ban; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) No such ban has been imposed by this Ministry.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.